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**J. PAUL OETKEN TO BE INDUCTED TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 27, 2011**

The Honorable J. Paul Oetken will be formally inducted into the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on Thursday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. The induction ceremony takes place in the courthouse's Ceremonial Courtroom at 500 Pearl Street.

President Barack Obama nominated Judge Oetken for the judicial post on January 26, 2011, and the Senate confirmed the nomination the following July. Prior to his appointment, Judge Oetken was Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Cablevision Systems Corporation, the eighth largest cable provider in the United States. He also practiced law at Debevoise & Plimpton, an international law firm based in New York City.

Judge Oetken is no stranger to the public sector, having served as Associate Counsel to President William Jefferson Clinton and as an Attorney-Advisor in the United States Department of Justice. After receiving his Juris Doctor from Yale Law School in 1991, Judge Oetken served as law clerk to the Honorable Richard D. Cudahy of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; the Honorable Louis F. Oberdorfer of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia; and the Honorable Harry A. Blackmun of the United States Supreme Court.

"Paul Oetken brings tremendous energy and a breadth of experience to the Southern District," said Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska. "I am delighted to welcome him to the Southern District bench, and I look forward to his jurisprudence."

Judge Oetken has been adjudicating cases in the District Court since September. His chambers are located in the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse at 500 Pearl Street in Manhattan.

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